



MINUTES OF THE SOUTH OGDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, August 2, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor James Minster, Council Members Brent Strate, Sallee Orr, Bryan Benard, and Adam Hensley

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED

Council Member Russell Porter

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

City Manager Matt Dixon, City Attorney Ken Bradshaw, Parks and Public Works Director Jon Andersen, Police Chief Darin Parke, Assistant to the City Manager Doug Gailey, and Recorder Leesa Kapetanov

CITIZENS PRESENT

Jim Pearce, Mike Adams, Jerry Cottrell, Walt Bausman, Joyce Hartman

I. OPENING CEREMONY

A. Call To Order

Mayor Minster called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and entertained a motion to convene. (Note: Council Member Benard did not arrive until right before the pledge of allegiance and was not present for this vote).

Council Member Orr moved to convene as the South Ogden City Council, followed by a second from Council Member Hensley. In a voice vote Council Members Orr, Hensley, and Strate all voted aye.

B. Prayer/Moment Of Silence

The mayor invited those present to participate in a moment of silence.

C. Pledge Of Allegiance

Council Member Strate led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The mayor excused Council Member Porter and informed those present that there was a change in the agenda: Item C under “Discussion Items” would be put off until another meeting. He then opened the meeting for public comments, reminding those present that no action would be taken on comments made that evening and comments should be limited to three minutes.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

III. RECOGNITION OF SCOUTS/STUDENTS PRESENT

There were no scouts or students in attendance.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of July 19, 2016 Council Minutes

B. Declaring Certain Items as Surplus to the City's Needs

Mayor Minster read through the items on the consent agenda and asked if there were any questions. Council Member Orr asked about some items on the surplus list which City Manager Dixon answered. There were no more comments. The mayor called for a motion.

Council Member Orr moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Benard seconded the motion. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Ordinance 16-12 – Amending Title 11 of the City Code by Making Corrections to Remove the City Council from the Subdivision Approval Process

City Manager Dixon explained this was a “clean-up” ordinance to bring the subdivision ordinance in line with previous changes to remove the council from the subdivision approval process.

Council Member Orr asked some questions concerning areas where the council was removed from the approval process, which City Attorney Ken Bradshaw answered. The mayor then called for a motion concerning the ordinance.

Council Member Benard moved to adopt Ordinance 16-12. Council Member Orr seconded the motion. Mayor Minster asked if there was further discussion. Council Member Orr said she would like to get the updated chart of legislative and administrative decisions that City Manager Dixon had prepared a few months earlier. City Manager Dixon said staff was still working on the chart. Council Member Benard pointed out the ordinance was consistent with what they had previously done; it would be odd to have the Council involved in approving some things and not others. He suggested adopting the ordinance and then when they got the updated list, they could make changes at that time. There was no more discussion. The mayor called the vote:

Council Member Benard-	Yes
Council Member Orr-	No
Council Member Hensley-	No
Council Member Strate-	No

The motion did not pass.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion on School Resource Officer

City Manager Dixon referred the council to the responses he had received from other city managers across the state concerning how code enforcement was handled in their cities. The majority handled code enforcement through the police department or community development/planning department. He had included the information since the city's school resource officer also did code enforcement.

Council Member Strate said he and Principal Proffer were both very pleased with the recent interaction between city staff and the school. Discussions with staff had brought both closer to what each one's expectations were, and Council Member Strate did not think any arrangements needed to be formalized. Council Member Hensley said he had discussed the matter with Principal Proffer as well, who would be happy with as much assistance as possible at Burch Creek Elementary. That meant that the school resource officer from the junior high would spend as much face time and interaction with the kids at the elementary school as possible. The school was not formally asking for a resource officer, but was happy to accept whatever time the officer could provide.

B. Discussion on Fox Chase Subdivision

City Manager Dixon referred the Council to their packet which contained a timeline of events concerning the Fox Chase Subdivision, the park, and trail.

Council Member Strate said the question now was how the City should proceed. Since we owned some of the property in the subdivision, were we in violation of our own weed ordinance? There were also water issues in the area.

Parks and Public Works Director Jon Andersen reported that as per previous discussions provided in the timeline, the area was being allowed to return to its natural state. City staff only made sure the water path was clear so it could drain to the other side of Fox Chase Drive. At one point, the City had tried to maintain the trail, but it had proven to be impossible; and because the area was designated wetlands they were unable to do anything other than keep the water path open, without the permission of the Army Corp of Engineers.

Council Member Benard said the only area that was able to be maintained and usable was the designated park area. The question was should it be cleared out and something more done with it. The sore spot with the residents was that the park was never developed but the money in escrow was released by the City. The park area was eventually deeded to the City. Council Member Strate pointed out the area belonged to the City and the grass and weeds were becoming a fire hazard. He would like to have some options as to what could be done.

City Manager Dixon said it was the City's responsibility to maintain the area designated for a park because they owned it; staff would make sure it was taken care of. If the Council wanted to make the area more than what is was now, they would have to look at the strategic plan and decide how it fit in as a priority with other goals they had.

Council Member Benard suggested that some of the trees on the front part of the property be taken down and the undergrowth be cut so it was not an eyesore or fire hazard. He said the topography of the land made some maintenance problematic and made suggestions of what could be done. Mr. Dixon said staff would take care of the weeds and undergrowth and look into what else could be done to improve the look of the property.

Council Member Hensley suggested some things that could be done with the property, including allowing the surrounding neighbors to beautify it. He asked what the sentiment of the neighbors was. Council Member Benard said their opinions varied widely, as they did back in 1998. Council Member Orr asked Mr. Andersen if the City had the manpower to maintain all the small areas the City seemed to be getting. Mr. Andersen said it was becoming increasingly difficult.

C. Report/Discussion on South Ogden Days

This item was removed from the agenda.

VII. COUNCIL REPORTS

A. Mayor – reported the Burch Creek Elementary Ribbon Cutting was coming up.

B. City Council Members

Council Member Strate – nothing to report.

Council Member Benard – reported several Bonneville High School FFA members had been raising hogs and lambs. They would show their hogs at a show on August 11 and their lambs at a show on August 12, with an auction taking place on August 13.

Council Member Hensley – nothing to report.

Council Member Orr – reminded everyone that SOBA would be the next day at noon in the Community Room. She also reminded the other council members of a letter of thanks she had shared with them from a resident concerning a stop sign that had been installed on Monroe Boulevard.

A. City Manager – Clarified with the Council the reason the South Ogden Days report had been removed from the agenda was not because staff was unprepared; it was because not all the invoices having to do with South Ogden Days had been received from vendors so the final costs could not be reported.

B. City Attorney – nothing to report.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMUNICATION/DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER

Council Member Orr – would like staff to look into getting some banners and decorations along Washington Boulevard for Christmas.

Council Member Strate – requested an update on the sign on 1075 E 5875 S. Parks and Public Works Director Jon Andersen reported the sign had already been installed. Council Member Strate said he may have the address wrong; it was then determined the street was 5950 South. There was currently a yield sign at the intersection and the surrounding residents believed it was the wrong signage for traffic in the area.

Council Member Strate then asked when the cul-de-sacs of the streets that had been chip sealed would be done. Mr. Andersen informed him that the cul-de-sacs were scheduled to be slurry sealed the next day.

Mr. Strate then asked about the water line on Maplewood Drive and when the City was going to replace it; he was under the impression it was going to be soon. He also asked when the June financials would be sent out and then requested an update on the CDRA loan payment at the next meeting.

Council Member Benard – requested an update on the sign at the intersection of Harrison Boulevard/Highway 89 as well as the landscaping on the island at the same location.

Council Member Hensley – requested that something be planned to get the police department and citizens together. He wanted to make sure relationships were formed between the City's men in blue and the residents.

IX. RECESS CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND CONVEENE INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A.** Pursuant to UCA §52-4-205 1(a) to Discuss the Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual
- B.** Pursuant to UCA §52-4-205 1(d) to Discuss the Purchase, Exchange, or Lease of Real Property

Mayor Minster then indicated it was time to enter a closed executive session and called for a motion to do so.

At 7:12 pm, Council Member Benard moved to recess as the City Council and convene into a closed executive session pursuant to the Utah Code sections cited. The motion was seconded by Council Member Strate. All present voted aye.

(Note: The closed executive session was held in the conference room adjacent to the City Council Chambers.)

At 8:41 pm, the Council returned to the City Council Chambers, and the mayor called for a motion.

Council Member Benard moved to adjourn the closed session, reconvene city council meeting and adjourn, followed by a second from Council Member Orr. The voice vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the South Ogden City Council Meeting held Tuesday, August 2, 2016.


Leesa Kapetanov, City Recorder

Date Approved by the City Council August 16, 2016